

Towers of Strength

*Lead thou me
so the rock that is higher than I;
for thou art my refuge,
a strong tower against the enemy.*
—Psalm 61:2-3 (N.S.V.)



A troubled young person seeking counsel asked his minister, "But can you really trust anybody?" That seemed a cynical question, hardly worthy of a reply. But the broken fragments of his story, coming slowly at first, then faster as he talked it out, gave more meaning to the question.

Unwanted by his mother, abandoned by his father, he had suffered early loss of those two natural "towers of strength" that declare to a child through every look and word and touch that he can trust them, his parents. It is through this trust that he comes most easily to accept the whole world of God's creation.

The psalmist spoke from the deep experience of having found the strongest tower of all, God himself. But for most of us there must be those lesser towers—the persons who believed in us, had confidence in our abilities, and gave strength to our highest resolves.

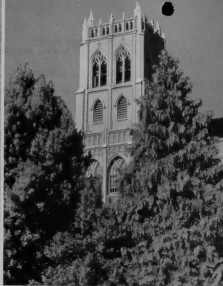
On many a college campus there is a Christian teacher, renowned or little known, whose highest joy is to be "a strong tower against the enemy" for his students. Without him our colleges would be weak indeed; largely because of him their imprint has been strong.

Prayer:

O God, who art for us a tower of strength in our need, we bless thee for thy constant care. Make us also strong to support those who are weak, and give us hearts of loving concern. In Jesus' name. AMEN.



Cover picture shows the chapel tower at the College of the Pacific, Stockton, California.



TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

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Newark, New Jersey

"RESET, BEHIND AND BEFORE!"

THE ORGAN PRELUDE "Priere Du Matin" Jongen

CALL TO WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Number 486

CALL TO PRAYER

PERIOD OF PRAYER

Unison Prayer

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we beseech Thee to engender in us such
a living spirit that we may remember
the life and labor of our Lord, not
vainly as a thing long gone, but fruit-
fully, seeing in our own days that same
incredible love which revealed in him
the glory of Thy great grace bearing
the cross for our sakes, even as now.
Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Assurance

The Lord's Prayer

THE ANTHEM "Praise to the Lord" Whitehead

RESPONSIVE READING Page 604, 1st Reading

GLORIA PATRI

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 139

PASTORAL PRAYER

PASTOR'S PERSONAL WORD

THE OFFERING

THE SOLO "More Love to Thee"

Sheldon

THE SERMON

CHOIR HYMN Number 421, 2nd Verse

RECESSIONAL HYMN Number 466

BENEDICTION

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE "Prelude - Toccata

Pierne

TRINITY CALENDAR

Monday	3:45 p.m.	Brownies
	7:00 p.m.	Teen Social Club
Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Wed.	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	8:00 p.m.	CHNC Executive Board meets 260 Chadwick Avenue
Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	Choir Dinner, Stockholm
	8:00 p.m.	CHNC Housing Committee 636 South 12th Street
Fri.	4:00 p.m.	Out Scouts
Sat.		Brownie—all day camping trip. Check for time with Mrs. Starkey or Bussie
Sun.	June 15	Church School Promotions Rev. Alan Geyer preaching
Wed.	June 18	Meeting of Official Board

Young people should register now for the Va-
cation Church School Program, June 23-July 4.

You may participate in the fine work of the
Methodist Home for Older Persons by placing
a special offering in the envelopes pro-
vided.

Let us labor for an inward stillness,
An inward stillness, and an inward heal-
ing;
That perfect silence where the lips and
heart
Are still and we no longer entertain
Our own imperfect thoughts and vain op-
inions.
But God alone speaks in us.